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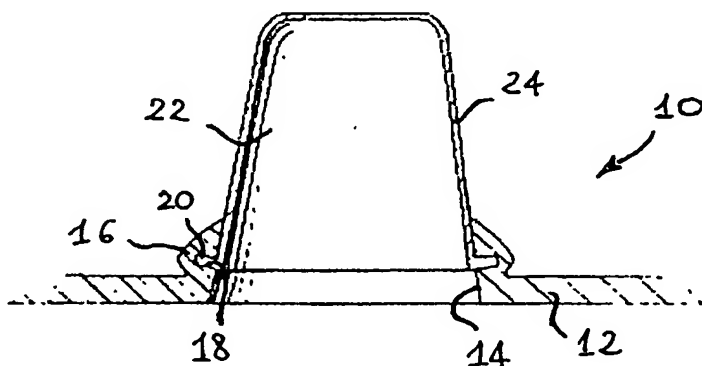
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(57) Abstract: In a process for the manufacture of ice cups a condensation plate able to receive water spray for the formation of ice elements is cooled for a predetermined period of time such as to cause freezing of the water and the subsequent formation of ice elements. When cooling is interrupted the plate is heated for a predetermined interval of time to permit detachment of the ice elements. Between the interruption of cooling and the start of heating the plate is subjected to a plurality of heating stages of increasing duration alternating with a plurality of cooling stages of decreasing duration.

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